

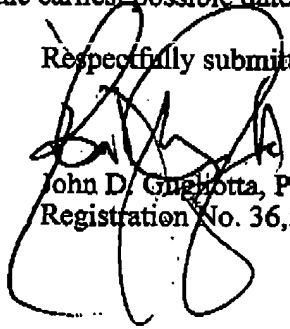
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Before entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-5 were pending, and claim 4 was considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. This has been done, and claim 5 has been amended to be dependent on Claim 4, and new claim 6 is now dependent on claim 4. Therefore, both should be in contition for allowance. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,


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